

*Looking back on the death of my son, I see now the value of
trudging through life's struggles with others who have trod the same path . . .
The comfort they obtained has helped me, and I believe that all who suffer
similar losses may discover these saints to be comrades and
find in their stories comfort and encouragement.*

—THE AUTHOR

There are few joys to match that which a child brings to a family. And even fewer sorrows that rival the pain of burying a child. James Bruce and his wife, Joni, knew that pain when their infant son died. They found comfort in the words of others who had known similar loss: fellow Christians such as Martin Luther, Charles Spurgeon, and John Bunyan, who also wept and yet were comforted by the Father of mercies.

Their intimate, emotional expressions of pain, peace, and hope—and their prevailing faith—are shared throughout these pages in both the short accounts and the eloquent poetry gathered here. If you or a loved one is walking through the valley of weeping—especially at the loss of a son or daughter—know that you are not alone, and let those who have come before remind you of your heavenly Father's sovereign grace and the mystery of joy in the midst of suffering.

To be healed from grief and loss is to be led by God gently and gingerly along the path of pain others have trod. James Bruce does this so powerfully and poignantly in his excellent book so full of history and heart.

—JONI EARECKSONTADA

Best-selling author and founder of Joni and Friends.

I can say, from the perspective of a pastor, that this book has significant value for ministering to Christians who have lost children. I have been moved to tears while reading it. The book is useful, among other reasons, simply in reminding us that so many of God's faithful ministers have suffered in the same way.

—JAMES M. BOICE

Late pastor of Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia.

My heart resonates with this book. It instructs and inspires. It comforts and convicts. The pages pulsate with the wisdom and hope of saints down through the ages. They comfort us with the comfort they received from God (2 Corinthians 1:4). This is as it should be.

—SUSAN HUNT

Women in the Church, Consultant, Presbyterian Church in America.

JAMES W. BRUCE III and his wife, Joni, knew their son John Cameron for only 55 days before his death in 1997. This book is one of the legacies of his life. The Bruces and their children live in Oklahoma City, where James works in a family-owned business and serves as an elder in his church. His wife is executive director of the National Parents Network of Oklahoma, a non-profit organization helping families and their children through the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit experience.

Cover Design: by Chance Designs
Cover Photo: © iStockphoto / Andrea Jaccarino
THE BANNER OF TRUTH TRUST
3 Murrayfield Road, PO Box 621, Carlisle,
Edinburgh EH12 6EL, Pennsylvania 17013
U.K. U.S.A.
www.banneroftruth.co.uk

ISBN 978-0-85151-996-8



9 780851 519968



BANNER
OF TRUTH

JAMES W. BRUCE III

FROM GRIEF TO GLORY
JAMES W. BRUCE III



FROM GRIEF TO
GLOORY

A BOOK OF COMFORT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS